



St. Mary Magdalene  
Anglican Church  
Picton Ontario

## SPRING 2022



*Photo by David Gilbert*

*See! The winter is past;  
The rains are over and gone.  
Flowers appear on the earth;  
The season of singing has come,  
The cooing of doves is heard in our land.*

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

# St. Mary Magdalene Milestones

## Birthdays

John Hopper – 85 years



## Passings

**Joyce Maddern** passed away peacefully at the West Lake Terrace Nursing Home. We hold her family and friends in our prayers

We extend sincere condolences to **Evelyn Drew's** family and friends. Evelyn guided the congregation through the Prayers of the People many times.

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**Our Mission:** As followers of Jesus, to be a loving, welcoming, joyful and caring community that reaches out to others and fosters spiritual development for all.



## Our Rector's Message

At this time of year there is often a weariness near the end of a long winter, and then a lightness as warmer, sunnier, longer days begin, and spring arrives. That feeling is amplified this year as we have been through two long years of pandemic worries and restrictions, and now experience the encouragement of the mandates coming to an end. We know the pandemic is not over, and we are wary about what curves it might throw us in the months ahead, but for now at least we can enjoy activities that have been curtailed for the past two years.

That is especially true in our parish life. In recent months the protocols have been lifting one small step at a time, and now as we approach Easter we can sing and worship together without masks, and enjoy coffee and fellowship together after church before we head home. How we have missed those simple moments. And Easter itself! Our Easter services have been online-only for the past two years. Our technology has served us well, and it has been a tremendous blessing to be able to carry on with pre-recorded and livestream services and Zoom Bible Studies – they are much better than nothing, but we know they are not the same as gathering in person. I can scarcely put into words how much I have been longing to celebrate Easter in person with you all.

The Easter story reflects a lot of what we are experiencing now. After the darkness of Good Friday and mourning the death of Jesus, his first followers experienced a new kind of lightness as they began to take in the news that Jesus had risen from the dead and everything was going to be different. They knew there still would be difficult days to come, knew the enemy was defeated but the new creation was not yet fully here. But they also knew in their bones that because Jesus has risen from death, the new creation will come in its fullness, and God's will finally will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Easter story encourages us to share the confidence of those first disciples, that whatever challenges we face, Jesus has been there ahead of us, has forged a path for us to follow, and will not let us go. I look forward to celebrating that story with you this Easter.



*David Gilbert Photo*

Yours faithfully, *Charles.*

## VESTRY 2022:

# Notes, VOTES & QUOTES

For the second time in the 199-year history of St. Mary Magdalene, our tech-savvy Rector ensured that the modern miracles of the internet triumphed over the restrictions of the now two-year Covid 19 Pandemic. The second hybrid-style Annual Vestry meeting attendees participated in person or via Zoom technology and the proceedings were live-streamed over You Tube.

## VESTRY 2022: *Noted*

\* Rector **Charles Morris** opened the 2022 Vestry Meeting with a prayer calling for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the deliberations.



*Rector Charles Morris*

\* The 36 parishioners attending in person and 11 via Zoom more than met the required number for quorum.

\* Our church secretary **Penny Kitchen** was appointed Vestry Clerk.

\* Auditor **Maxine Tiller** reported that the financial statements '*present fairly the financial position of the Church as at December 31, 2021, and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.*'

\* Applause followed the re-election of Wardens **John Clarke** and **Herb Stone** and Deputy-Wardens **Kathy Condie** and **Janet Howes**.



*Deputy Warden  
Kathy Condie*

\* Deputy Warden **Kathy Condie** spoke about the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2023 and the opportunities the anniversary will provide the congregation to look back on how people of faith sustained St. Mary Magdalene Church, to look at our present support and service to our community, and to look forward to building on 200 years of strong traditions. Anyone wishing to participate in the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary work group is asked to contact Kathy or the Rector.

\* The following parishioners received well-deserved thanks for their work on behalf of the congregation:

- **John Anderson** for his volunteer work of snow removal at St. MM over many years,
- from **Pat Brant** for all the hard work that went into producing the services online and via Zoom,
- to **Michael Goodwin** from Joan McBride for his exceptional service. Charles Morris added his thanks and appreciation for working with Michael during the past eight years and noted that especially during the pandemic he has been a wonderful partner and collaborator.
- to our **Rector Charles Morris** from Kathy Condie for his on-going leadership during these difficult times ... and his technical skills, and
- to **John Hughes** from John Clarke for his dedication in caring for the attractive gardens and property of St. Mary Magdalene.

## VESTRY 2022: VOTED

The 2021 Annual Reports, as presented in an attractive booklet, the Treasurer's 2021 Report and the 2022 Budget were accepted by unanimous decisions.



*Warden Herb Stone*

The following members of the congregation were elected for 2022: Churchwardens **John Clarke** and **Herb Stone**; Deputy Churchwardens **Kathy Condie** and **Janet Howes**; Delegates to Synod **Kathy Condie** and **Andrew Innes**; Alternate Delegates to Synod **John Clarke** and **Herb Stone**; Members of Parish Advisory Committee are all of the **above-named parishioners**, **Charles Morris**, **Fran Langlois**, **Martha Riddell**, **Patti Abel**, **Angela Adams**, **John Brett**, **Marie Connor**, **Michael Goodwin**, **John Hughes**, **Nell Kottick**, **Wendy LeBlanc**, **Jim Macgregor**, **Julie Miller**, **Brian Pinkerton**, **Tuula Saunders**, **David Sutton**, and **Maxine Tiller**.

## VESTRY 2022: QUOTED

Rector **Charles Morris** pointed out that the 2021 Annual Reports booklet *'continues to express the strengths and resilience of this wonderful parish as we continued to work our way through a second year of the pandemic. We have continued to worship, provide outreach, and to share our contributions to our community and I want to say a huge thank you to those who have continued on and whose work is represented however briefly in this annual reports booklet.'*

*'What a wonderful job putting this booklet together!'* declared **Jim Macgregor** via Zoom.

*'You'll laugh if you see me running around turning off lights ... and saying 'Turn the heat down!,'* quipped Treasurer **Angela Adams** noting during her presentation of the 2021 Treasurer's Report that the cost of electricity had risen sharply. *"Our finances continued to be a bit of a challenge because of the absence of fundraising events that we normally depend upon but with the financial assistance of the government wage subsidy grants, we had a fairly good year'*. When questioned about the deficit, she reported that after taking into account the government wage subsidy, *"the net deficit was \$5500"*.



Treasurer  
Angela Adams



Warden  
John Clarke

Upon presenting the 2022 Budget, Warden **John Clarke** stated, *"It never stops amazing me how much the congregation has stood up to the ravages of Covid to support the Church. Unbelievable, quite frankly. We hope you will be as benevolent in the coming year."* The 2022 balanced budget is *"the expression of our hopes and ambitions"* remarked Warden **John Clarke**. *'We've increased the budget by the one thing Covid couldn't kill and that is inflation... Enormous increase in the cost of fuel [Editor's note: which took place after the budget was produced] will express itself in almost everything we purchase or use.'*

Attendees at the Annual Vestry Meeting chuckled and nodded their approval when a voice belonging to **John Brett** wondered aloud from the choir loft *'Will there be cake?'* after **Kathy Condie** finished speaking about preliminary plans for our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations!

## Parish Life @ St. MM ...

An enthusiastic group of 17 men and Curate Martha Riddell met for the first **Men's Prayer Breakfast** since February 2020 on March 25. They enjoyed breakfast at Waring House, friendship and prayers led by Robert Wilson and David Gilbert.



### Tuesday's Meditation Group

is once again meeting in person in the Church Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Feel free to join the group any Tuesday afternoon and enjoy the benefits of silent meditation.

For additional information, contact group leader Andrew Innes at [andrew@andrewinnes.com](mailto:andrew@andrewinnes.com).

Please enter through the rear door of the Church.

## Ecumenical Prayers for Peace in Ukraine Service



On Sunday afternoon March 6, members of a number of local congregations participated in person and online in a moving Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine. Rector **Charles Morris**, Deacon **Fran Langlois**, Curate **Martha Riddell** and **Joan McBride**

from St. Mary Magdalene, Rev. **Kevin Stenhouse** from Picton Free Methodist and Rev. **Cathy Duggan** of Bloomfield United Church took part in the service. **Michael Goodwin** and members of our choir led the congregation in singing appropriate hymns including *Let There Be Peace on Earth* and *God of Grace and God of Glory*.

**Deacon Fran** led the Pledge of Peace: *Lord God our Father, we pledge to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit, give us wisdom, give us courage, give us hope and keep us faithful now and always. Amen*

**Marie Connor** told the story of the Peace Candle with its roots in the Ukraine following the 1986 Chernobyl disaster (read more in the 2021 Annual Reports booklet). She encouraged visiting church members to take a peace candle to their own church as a reminder to pray for peace.

# Bishop Oulton Sends Regrets

The largest number of parishioners since the start of the pandemic some two years ago assembled on Sunday, March 20, the first day of spring, to welcome **Bishop Oulton** and his wife **Sophie Kiwala**. We were dismayed to hear of the sudden passing of Rev. Darlene Cunliffe, the priest in charge in Bancroft as Bishop Oulton travelled there instead to give comfort to her congregation. Archdeacon **Charles Morris** led the single service with Honourary Assistants Bishop **Peter Mason**, Rev. Canon **John Whittall**, and Rev. **David Hawkins**, along with Curate **Martha Riddell** participating. The congregation sang treasured hymns in full voice with **Michael Goodwin** and the choir leading the long-missed opportunity to 'raise the roof'!



*Bishop Peter Mason leads the Prayers of the People*



**Sophie Kiwala** who serves as the Diocesan Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) coordinator was pleased to speak to the congregation about the fund and expressed a sincere thank you to **David Sutton** for his work as the PWRDF coordinator for St. Mary Magdalene. She gave a brief history of the fund and its mission, suggesting that parishioners who wanted more information would find the website useful: <https://pwrdf.org>.

Following her address, David Sutton presented two cheques from the congregation. The \$3000 donation is destined for the Foodgrains Bank through the PWRDF which works towards food security for all peoples. The \$500 cheque is considered a down payment on our plan to donate towards the Ukrainian Relief Fund as our church's Lenten project. During this time of great unrest, the mandate of the PWRDF - *working towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world* – is of utmost importance, and the fund welcomes all donations.



*Sophie Kiwala*

Sophie expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome she received as well as the donations to this important Canadian Anglican mission. A reminder to St, MM parishioners ... save a small daily amount in support of the Ukrainian Relief Fund – together we can make a difference!



# The Last Supper

It could easily be said that the top four most recognizable and widely produced themes in Christian art are **The Nativity**, **The Last Supper**, **The Crucifixion** and **The Resurrection**. All these subjects are depicted in beautiful stained glass windows in the sanctuary of St. Mary Magdalene and in one art form or another including sculpture, paintings, tapestries and more in most Christian churches and many homes.



*St. MM's Stained Glass Window of The Last Supper*

Our own stained glass window of **The Last Supper**, donated in 1923 by Sidney B. Gearing in loving memory of his beloved wife, Frankie Proctor Gearing, bears strong similarities to the fresco by Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci. In both works, Jesus is the central figure of the work with the disciples in groups of three flanking Him. This linear representation is a common way of depicting The Last Supper. Jesus has just announced that one of the 12 who are with him will denounce Him before the night is out. The reaction of the disciples to this news is evident in their faces and postures. The elements of bread and wine that form the basis of the Eucharist are laid on the table in front of Him. The symbolism of three is a strong element in the painting from the groupings of the disciples to the architecture of the upper room.

Members of our congregation, **John and Dianne Hopper**, commissioned a painting of **The Last Supper** shown on the next two pages. If you look carefully for similarities and differences between it and other versions you are familiar with, such as our stained glass window, you may find some interesting comparisons!

## The Last Supper by Gabriela Diaconu



On a lovely spring afternoon in the newly opened Royal Hotel, John Hopper alternated between his usual jovial nature and his more serious side. He reminisced about his family, his upbringing and education, his community volunteering and his work life in a wide-ranging chat that gave a glimpse into what makes this four score and five years-old tick. With roots in the Ottawa region going back to 1812 when the Merivale Road area was known as Hopper's Settlement (named for John's pioneer ancestor Arthur Hopper who had the unlikely-for-the-time career as a jeweler), John spent his childhood in Ottawa. Later he and Dianne called North Bay, where John ran a successful GM dealership for 48 years, and then Mt. Lehman in the Fraser Valley an hour east of Vancouver, home before settling into Prince Edward County a decade ago.

John's father died in 2001 at the age of 90. John recalls that he lived 'a *good Christian life*' and it was to honour his father that John and Dianne commissioned this painting of **The Last Supper**.

After seeing other works by British Columbia artist Gabriela Diaconu, John and Dianne knew that she was a good fit for them and the

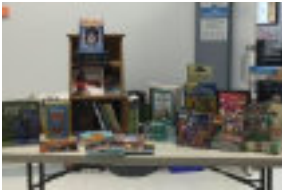
right person to create this work. And a considerable work it is! Not only is it striking in composition and colour, but it is an outstanding 7 by 8 feet painted on specially-ordered canvas, taking a year to complete. Even the move to Prince Edward County was of epic proportion requiring professionals to pack and ship it to ensure the painting's safe arrival!

John knew what he wanted – an abstract painting that was obviously of **The Last Supper**, yet not all the figures in it were to be identifiable as in many depictions of the same theme. The remarkable painting shown here is the result of the collaboration between John and the artist. After 20 years, John still finds it an emotional experience to look at the work, recalling the creation of the painting as a tribute to his father's life.

Thank you to John and Dianne for sharing this wonderfully dramatic work with us at Easter time. We appreciate the opportunity to view this emotional interpretation of one of the pivotal events in the history of Christianity.

## County Kids Read Update

For well over a decade, **County Kids Read** has worked to **address the link between poverty and literacy by providing books to children and youth in need in Prince Edward County.** St. Mary Magdalene proudly supports County Kids Read by donating space - CKR's Book Room - in our Parish Hall. As class visits to CKR's Book Room have not been possible because of COVID, the volunteers had to rethink how to get books to the children safely during these challenging times. Many of the elementary grade teachers at PECEI visited the Book Room after school to choose books for their students.



*Books at Vaccination Clinic*

County Kids Read in partnership with the PEC Health Team and the Municipality, set up a collection of children's books at the Picton Vaccination Clinic for children aged 5 to 12 held in January and February at the Prince Edward Community Centre. As the children waited for 15 minutes after receiving their shot, they were invited to choose a book to take home with them.

County Kids Read began operating as a registered charitable organization on January 1, 2022.

## A Page from Our Past

When growing up in St. Mary Magdalene, we had a beloved minister, **Hope Swayne**. Hope. A fitting name for the man of God he was and the Shepherd of our flock (Editor's note: Rev. Swayne served from 1943 to 1955).

One of Reverend Swayne's daughters was named **Faith** and, John Clarke's mother, who was an active member of the parish was, **Charity Clarke**.



*Rev. Hope Swayne*

In the mind of a 12 year old acolyte was the thought that God had taken a special interest in St. Mary Magdalene. How else to explain that our Church, among all others, was blessed with the physical embodiment of **Faith, Hope** and **Charity**, if not by His glorious design?

**- Herb Stone, Warden**

## From Our Curate Martha



The Divine Office, as we have received it, is the brainchild of Thomas Cranmer, the chief architect of the Book of Common Prayer. He took the eight ancient offices and condensed them into two: Morning and Evening Prayer, also called Matins and Evensong. He took what was once more or less confined to the choir stalls of monasteries and convents and brought it into every cathedral, church, and chapel in England with the explicit intent that it was now to be recited by both the clergy and the laity. I believe wholeheartedly in the importance of preserving this unique and beautiful part of our Anglican heritage which aids us in worshipping “the Lord in the beauty of Holiness” (Ps. 29:2).



*Jared & Martha at Evensong*

For many of you, choral Matins and Evensong bring back waves of nostalgia. Some of you likely grew up with Morning Prayer as the main service for some or most Sundays of the month. I too have a deep sentimental attachment to the Office, especially in the

plainsong tradition. Not only did I grow up hearing and singing this music at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Toronto, but my husband Jared and I also became acquainted while serving at Gregorian Evensong every Saturday at St Bartholomew’s, Regent Park. We recite the Office together at home daily, but now it is our great joy and privilege to join together with members of our parish family for Evensong on Friday afternoons at 4:30 in the Church.

Each week we gather together to praise God by chanting the Psalms and Biblical canticles, to hear the words of Scripture, and to offer our petitions and thanksgivings to the Lord in prayer. Whether you love to sing or prefer to let the music wash over you, this quiet and contemplative service is the perfect way to end the week!



*David Sutton reads Scripture*

**- Martha Riddell**



## St. MM Goes Green ...

*...to strive to save the integrity of Creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

*- A Canadian Anglican Mark of Mission*

Would you be surprised to know that Earth Day which we celebrate annually on April 22 is now marking its 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary? Putting environmental concerns at the forefront of actions by government, business, industry and ordinary citizens is the goal of the Earth Day movement. Parishioner **Marie Connor** recently noted, *"There are so many small and varied ways that we all can contribute to the Earth, our home. As Robert Swan (the first man to walk to both the North and South Poles) said **"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."***

Several parishioners share how they make **Every Day Earth Day**:



Julie Miller

Our home is as free of single use plastic as is possible! No plastic wrap, no baggies, no coffee pods. We do have bags from products such as bread but they are reused many times! On a daily basis my biggest contribution is having zero waste lunches: I'm still working and pack lunch daily. I have containers for sandwiches or cottage cheese, veg, cookies ... I also buy the largest size of whatever I want and then take single serving sizes, a great example is yogurt. We create less recycling, very little garbage each week than in the past. Once you are in the habit, it's easy to do! **Small steps indeed, but every step counts!**

*One of our granddaughters is in her 4th year of Environmental studies at Carleton University. She has been the whole family's moral compass when it comes to being environmentally friendly, so no plastic straws in our home! I also wash and reuse freezer bags, have reusable produce bags and grocery bags. When one of us uses something we shouldn't, someone will say "Don't tell Livvy!" A good reminder that **we need to continue to be more diligent.***



Fran Langlois



Marie Connor

As the child of survivors of the Great Depression, and as an antique who loves antiques, I have the first two parts of the adage - **Recycle, Reuse, Reduce** - completely incorporated. I am lucky I had things passed down to me, and do my best, to **pass things on**. I love second-hand stores. I

have yet to learn to reduce clothing and furnishings, as Marie Kondo encourages, but I have more success with produce and packaging.

We are fortunate to be able to **grow our own produce** or shop the farm stands regularly in fertile PEC. When possible, I walk to my destination, saving on gas and reducing pollution. My husband enjoys cooking, so that almost everything we eat has been prepared "from scratch", which **reduces excess packaging**. We try to preserve surplus food by canning or freezing.

We purposefully select flowers and bushes that encourage bees, butterflies, and birds to visit our garden and disseminate seeds. And we **compost everything that we can**. Three seasons of the year, this ends up fertilizing our garden, In the winter months, we use the green bin, as we run out of space in the cold compost bin.

*I now **carefully sort through** all the soft plastic waste that I generate and this is all bagged up separately and put in the recycling box. Before most of it used to go in the garbage. I've always reused plastic bags that make it home with no holes in them!!*



John Clarke



Jared Tomlinson

I celebrate Earth Day throughout the year by promoting the **planting of native trees** in my profession as an arborist!

Maxine Tiller recalls her mother joyfully singing hymns and many of us will remember one of her favourites from Sunday School days:

*Little drops of water, / Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean, / And a pleasant land.*

It's worth remembering that all those little drops and grains combined make a difference in our world. Our collective small environmental efforts will make a difference, too!

## Holy Week and Easter Services



Holy Week begins April 10<sup>th</sup> with services at 9:00 and 10:30 that include the blessing of the palms on **Palm Sunday**. We continue on April 14<sup>th</sup> for **Maundy Thursday** service at 7:00 p.m., which concludes with the stripping of the altar and removal of church decorations as we remember the arrest of Jesus. On April 15<sup>th</sup> we observe **Good Friday** at 11:00 a.m. This year the service will be a little different, featuring special music described below. On April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. we will celebrate **Easter Sunday** Choral Communion.

The **Good Friday** service this year will include selections from **Stabat Mater**, a 13<sup>th</sup> century hymn to Mary, which portrays her suffering as Jesus's mother during his crucifixion. Accompanied by our Musical Director, Michael Goodwin, Josie Farrar and Joan McBride will sing the composition by Giovanni Pergolesi. Pergolesi was born in Italy in 1710, and sadly died at the young age of 26. During his brief life he was wildly popular, and his version of the *Stabat Mater* became the most published musical work of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Composing *Stabat Mater* at the end of his life, Pergolesi pours his soul into this telling of Mary at the foot of the cross.

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## Pandemic Restrictions Lifted

On March 21<sup>st</sup> the Province of Ontario lifted nearly all pandemic related mandates, and effective April 3<sup>rd</sup> our Diocese did the same. At St Mary Magdalene that means wearing of masks is now optional, communion with both bread and wine can be received at the communion rail, and our coffee time at the back of the church can resume.

As we reacquaint ourselves with how we used to do things, we will do our best to accommodate everyone. All are welcome to continue to wear a mask if they choose. We are assured that the risk of transmission of virus from the common cup is very low, but we know many will find that surprising. Those who prefer are welcome to

receive only the bread and are assured they are fully participating in the sacrament. In addition, the clergy will bring communion to any who would prefer to receive it in their pew, and instructions on how to do this are given at each service. And to start with, our Fellowship Time after each service will offer only tea and coffee – we may think about reintroducing light snacks later on, but we want to take things one step at a time. For two years we have been out of the habit of provisioning the coffee, tea, milk and cream each week and setting up each Sunday, and we hope you will volunteer to take a turn.

With the return of our Fellowship Time we will enjoy being able to pause and catch up with one another before heading home after church.

## Grandkids in the Kitchen



Kids love working in the kitchen! What better way for some quality together-time with grandparents than making something for the rest of the family to enjoy? And how about reinforcing reading skills, following directions, measuring, and of course, cleaning-up ... all part of the process and the fun. Here's a simple and tasty Easter treat recipe that **Alice Davies**, Wendy LeBlanc's granddaughter, shown here, made when she was 6 years old.

### Nutella Cream Eggs

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened  
1/2 cup Nutella  
1/4 cup marshmallow cream  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 cups powdered sugar  
1 - 10 ounce bag white chocolate melting wafers  
coloured sprinkles



Beat butter and Nutella until creamy. Beat in marshmallow cream and extract. Slowly add powdered sugar to form soft dough. Divide into 12 even balls then shape into flattened egg shape. Freeze for 30 minutes on waxed paper lined baking sheet. Melt chocolate over boiling water; if too thick, thin with melted shortening. Use a fork to hold each frozen egg in the chocolate and spoon chocolate over the egg with a spoon. Slide onto wax paper lined tray and let set. Reheat remaining chocolate and dip the end of each egg into it then add sprinkles right away. Let set. Store in sealed container.



## Two More Chapters in our Book of Contributions

Christmas 2021 is now many weeks in the past but the warm feelings and the generous gifts of our congregation to others in our community will be appreciated for a long time.



Deacon Fran Langlois

Our **Deacon Fran's** outreach to Seniors in the community is well known to many people. Fran commented, *"It has been a blessing to have Christmas services in the Long-Term Care homes this year, even though we were limited in the number of volunteers who could attend to help. My sincere thanks to Archdeacon Charles and Martha for presiding, to Nell, Kathy and Patti for helping serve the cake and ice cream and visit with the residents, Mike for providing the music; for the generous donations to help cover the cost of the cake and Nell for providing the ice cream. Your never-ending help and support is very much appreciated. Thank you so much."*

Through our connection with **Alternatives for Women (AFW)**, the St. MM congregation donated gifts and treats to families in need this past Christmas. A small Christmas tree at the back of the church was decorated with 26 Snowflakes, each one giving the age and gender of a child, and members of the congregation took a Snowflake and then brought back a wrapped gift with the Snowflake attached, so that AFW could distribute them to the families before Christmas. These donations were delivered to AFW on December



Delivery Day

13, along with 16 tins of cookies for the families, bought with additional St. MM donations. The staff at AFW were overwhelmed by the generosity of our church community, and were extremely grateful. Now we know how Santa Claus feels!! Well done, everyone, and thank you for responding so generously to the Snowflake initiative.

- **Janet Howes and Joan McBride**

## From the St. MM Bulletin Board

### Yellow Sonnet

Zimmer\* no longer wishes to write  
About the dimming of his lights,  
Recounting all his small terrors.  
Instead he tells of brilliance,  
Walking home from the first grade  
In springtime, light descending  
To hold itself and dazzle him  
In an outburst of dandelions.



It was then he learned that  
He would always love yellow,  
Its warm dust on his knuckles,  
The memory of gathering pieces  
To carry home in his lunch pail  
As a love gift for his mother.

*This lovely poem by \*Paul Zimmer was shared  
at a recent Tuesday Meditation Group.*

*These words of  
wisdom are posted  
on Loraine and  
David Gilbert's  
fridge door!*

### COMING SOON!

Parish of St. MM  
**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**2023**



Stay tuned for  
information about  
events planned to  
celebrate  
Our Bicentennial!

★ Thank you  
Ted Longley & Wendy  
Murphy for holding a  
sale of Playmobil to  
raise funds for Ukraine  
Relief. An amazing  
\$4600 was raised!

Do Something For Yourself Every Day  
And Do It Without Guilt  
The Goal Is BALANCE  
But The Key Is permission

Life is Like A Camera  
Focus on What's Important  
Capture The Good Times  
Develop From The Negative  
And, If Things Don't Work Out  
Take Another Shot

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**Thursday, April 14** – Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 15** – Good Friday Service, 11:00 a.m. (See details elsewhere in this edition)

**Sunday, April 17** – Easter Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

Please read ***Pandemic Restrictions Lifted*** article in this edition of ***The Vine***.

Wishing you ...

The *joy* of Easter which is **FAITH**

The *promise* of Easter which is **HOPE**

The *beauty* of Easter which is **LOVE**.



Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

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